GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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BALIKA SAMRIDHI YOJANA
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of interest accrued on the deposits in the accounts of the girl child under the Balika Samridhi Yojana during 2003-04, year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to popularise the scheme in the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA)

(a) The amount under the Balika Samriddhi Yojana is deposited in an interest-bearing account opened in the name of the beneficiary girl child and an officer designated in this behalf by the State Government/Union Territory Administration in the nearest bank or post office. The choice of a bank or a post office for the purpose of opening the account is of the State Government/UT Administration. The account must earn the maximum possible rate of interest. In this context, the Provident Fund scheme or the National Savings Certificate scheme is given the highest priority and the Savings Bank Account scheme th lowest. The interest accrued therein would depend upon the scheme in which the account has been opened.
(b) The guidelines of the Scheme very clearly stated that the State Government/UT Administration were to ensurewide publicity be provided highlighting the benefits of BSY scheme and the procedures of application through posters, brochurres, media and other means.